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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH TURKISH NEWS AGENCY

1. ANKARA PRESS TODAY GAVE FAIRLY PROMINENT PLAY TO INTERVIEW GIVEN TWO DAYS EARLIER BY AMBASSADOR TO REPRESENTATIVE OF ANKA, A TURKISH NEWS AGENCY.
2. EMBASSY IS PREPARING FULLER REPORT ON PRESS COVERAGE OF INTERVIEW WHICH RANGED OVER SEVERAL ASPECTS OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS, BUT WHICH HIGHLIGHTED AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON QUESTIONS OF CYPRUS AND EMBARGO.
3. WE HAVE NOW SEEN SOME INITIAL REPORTING FROM TURKISH RADIO BUREAU IN CYPRUS WHICH INDICATES THAT THIS "SPEECH" (SIC) HAS MET WITH STRONG REACTION ON PART OF GOC ADMINISTRATION.
4. FOR DEPARTMENT'S AND EMBASSIES' INFORMATION IT IS TRUE THAT AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL VIEWS ON SUBJECTS WHICH QUESTIONERS WERE EXPLORING, DEFENDED THE VIEW THAT US-GOT RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE INTERMIXED, THAT HE

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"HOPED" THAT EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS, AND THAT EMBARGO CONSTITUTED LARGEST OBSTACLE TO IMPROVEMENT OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR ALSO STATED THAT IN HIS VIEW EMBARGO SERVED NEITHER THE INTERESTS OF NATO, US, TURKEY, NOR A CYPRUS SOLUTION. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT DIFFERENT VIEWS WERE HELD IN CONGRESS, WHICH HAD MADE THE LINKAGE BETWEEN CYPRUS AND DEFENSE

RELATIONSHIP. PROGRESS ON CYPRUS WOULD CERTAINLY  
FACILITATE FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON EMBARGO.

5. ON SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IF  
SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND ON CYPRUS ISSUE BY TWO COMMUNITIES,  
TURKEY AND GREECE, US WOULD BE HAPPY AND HAD NO REASON  
TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED. WE WERE PREPARED TO HELP TO  
EXTENT OUR ALLIES THOUGHT THIS COULD BE USEFUL.

6. NO PREDICTION WAS MADE ON WHEN EMBARGO WOULD BE  
LIFTED BY CONGRESS, AND NO STATEMENT IMPLYING ANY  
ADMINISTRATION PROMISES TO TURKS ON TIMING WAS MADE.

7. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON INTERVIEW AND PRESS COVERAGE WILL  
BE SENT JAN. 27.  
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